EASTERN LEAGUES SIGN WESTERN MEN

NEW YORK GIANTS ARE SURE OF PENNANT

M'GRAW RETICENT REGARDING TEAM

Talks Little of Plans, but Is Confident of Winning 1909 Pennant.

HAS A BETTER LINEUP THAN EVER BEFORE

Best in the Major Leagues.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- John McGraw of the New York Giants has said less

a timely hit, had he is now strongly intrenched in the hearts of the Polo ground fans.

Third base, of course, will be covered by Arthur Devlin, one of the few veterans now on the team. There are other third sackers in the National league who are greater batters than Artie, but he is without a neer in the fielding line. Last year he played in 157 games and led the league's third basemen in fielding, with the grand average of 947, just seven points ahead of Steinfeldt of Chicago, his nearest ival, who played in 150 games.

For the outfield there is Captain Mike Donlin, who was runner-up to Honus Wagner for the batting honors of the league, finishing the season with the average of 334 for 155 games, twenty points behind the Dutchman. Mike played in right field most of last season, but he covered the left garden in twenty-eight games. It is possible that McGraw will put him in center field

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Hoodoo Garden.

Seymour, who covered center field Cy Seymour, who covered center field and had an average with the stick of 267 for 155 games, may take care of Mike's old territory, or possibly he may be put in the hoodco left garden, which proved the downfall, because of the sun, of "Sandow" Mertes and "Spike" Shannon. Then again he may not play at all, and that is what most people think.

Murray, who comes from St. Louis Murray, who comes from St. Louis with a fine record as a fielder, will almost surely be seen as a regular. Ho divided his time last year between center and right field, playing the majority of the games in center. Ho will be a valuable man no matter where he is, for he hit the ball last year on a tailend team for the fine average of 282, which placed him fourteenth in the honor list. the honor list.

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Before discussions the catchers and pitchers the substitutes must be mentioned. If Fred Tenney needs a rest at any time McGraw can put in Fred Merkle, who hit for .268 last year, but got a black eye, temporarily, in the estimation of the public for not touching second in that memorable game with Chicago, for which, by the way, he deserved little censure. It is a safe bet he'll not repeat that performance, and it is a certainty that he will get his full measure of applause when he trots out on the Polo Grounds this spring. Charley Herzog will be on hand to relieve either Doyle or Bridwell, and he is almost as good as either of these two regulars. In fifty nine games he averaged .300 with the bat, a remarkable performance for any player, and especially a youngster. He is a lightning fielder, and it is a pleasure to watch him play, for he is after everything.

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Josh De Voe, who was on hand at the tail end of the season, may get a chance in the field in some of the games this year. There are a number of other youngsters who will be tried out, and perhaps McGraw may retain several of them in case of emergency.

Descripting Pitchare

Promising Pitchers. Now for the pitchers; and they are a mighty promising lot. Head and shoulders above them all is Matty, who

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MILLER REFUSES TO PAY HEAVY FINES

Is Forced to Retire; Has Most Remarkable Career of Any Jockey.

Having outgrown the saddle, Jockey Walter Miller, champion American rider, announces his retirement from the turf, heavy fines prompting him in his intentions. A winner of more than \$400,000 for James R. Keene during that millionaire's record-breaking winning season of 1997, and nearly \$600,000 for others, today Pitching Staff Is Considered the Miller, or "Marvelous Walter," as he was called, finds himself unable to carn even a \$10 riding fee, and he couldn't earn \$10

a week out of the saddle.

Miller's sensational career ended rather abruptly at California's Emeryville track when he refused to pay a fine of \$300 imposed by Judge Hopper for an alleged rough ride on the mare Cloudight. It was a stretch due!, Notice, Miller's great rival and his successor as the Keene when he refused to pay a fine of \$300 mosed by Judge Hopper for an alleged rosed by Judge Hopper for an alleged rose about his 1909 team than any manager in the major leagues. There are two months to go before the baseball seamon begins, but McGraw has given no indication as to how he will line up his players for the coming season. He does believe that he has a better team than last year and expects to win the pennant the coming season. He does believe that he has a better toam than last year and expects to win the pennant the coming season.

Starting at first base, McGraw will depend upon Fred Tenney, the ex-Boston leader, who played a whirlwind game last year and won the admiration of all Polo ground followers by his high-class work and gameness. There is no man who can give Tenney any points on covering the position, while he is a fine man for steadying the infield.

At second base Larry Doylo will undoubtedly hold command. Just when he reached the height of his career last season he was cut down by Silent John Hummell while stealing second. In good physical condition he will have no trouble in holding the position, because of his ability with the bat. In the 102 games he played last year he had a batting average of 308, and was third in the list, the only men ahead of him being Wagner and Mike Don Mr.

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JEFFRIES WILL TRY TO GET IN SHAPE

James J. Jeffries may never fight Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship, but one thing is sure—the big fellow is going to make an effort to get into condition to meet the colored cyclone.

All over the country there is a call for Jeffries to come on and battle for the title, and this call has been so enthusiastic and so strong that Jeffries is almost sure to respond. Some say he can never get in shape to do minself justice, while others claim he will not have to be the Jeffries of old to deteat Johnson. Come back and try, seems to be the pulse of the sporting world, and if Jeff can acquire anything like his old-time speed and reduce his weight to semething around 229 pounds he is more than likely to respond to the call of the wild.

New York sports will restall Jeffries's first appearance in the East elevely years ago. On that occasion he was filled to meet two men in the same ring—Bob Armstrong and Steve O'Donnell—at the Lennox A. C. Each hout was scheduled for ten rounds, but Jeffries hurt his liand in the first bout against Armstrong, which went the limit, Jeff getting the decision, and O'Donnell got his share of the purse without putting up his hands, as the big fellow was not able to fulfill his entire engagement. At that stage of the game Jeffries was a raw recruit. He wouldn't do, and Billy Delansy, his manager, took him back to the coast.

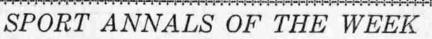
One year more of coaching found Jefries a very much improved fighter. In 1895 he went east again, this time inder the management of Billy Brady. This assute general secured Tommy Ryam to teach the big bolletmaker a few things about the game. Under Eyam, Jeffries proved to be an adept scholar, and when he met Bob Fitzsimmons at the old Coney Island ciub he showed championship form. For nine rounds Jeffries hed big sown, and in the tenth he took a big lead. Fitz's finish came in the eleventh round, and a new champion was made.

Now Jeffres of old. He weighs 286 pounds, it is said, and it will be a terrible task for him to get in condition. He says he is going to

is a national character. Then there is Wiltze, as good a left-bander as there is in the business, and "Red" Ames, who came into his own at the critical period last year, after a long illness. Besides these three tried and true men, the Giants' pitching staff will include "Rube" Marquard, who made a poor debut in fast company, but will surely make his mark this year; Louis Durham, who also got a bad break last year, but has a minor league record which would be a credit to any man; "Bugs" Raymond, who was obtained from St. Louis, and has the reputation of being able to do fine work in the box when he is so inclined, and a couple of others, who are still doubtful quantities.

The catching staff will include Admiral Schlei, a Cincinnati man, and a worthy substitute for Roger Bresnahan, who now is at the head of the St. Louis was now is at the head of the St. Louis Cardinals: Snodgrass, a willing and hard working youngster, who has bad the benefit of a year on the bench with the Giants, and Wilson, another young-

McGraw thinks he can pick a championship team from this squad, and so does the majority of the loyal New York rooters. The men who have already signed are Tenney. Merkle, Schlei, Herzog, Ames, Bridwell, De Voe, Durham and Marquard.





NEW YORKERS ASKED TO COUGH UP FOR FIGHT

New Yorkers are planning to sign up purse of \$70,000 and make the fight a private affair. A prominent Wall street broker is trying to make up a party of wealthy sports who will pull off the fight on a barge three miles out from New

The plan is to limit the attendance to Each of the spectators is to pay apiece for the privilege of witness-the bout, the balance of the money ing the bout, the balance of the money which would be \$5000 is to go toward the expenses of the affair.

Three miles out to sea this man thinks that he will be able to find a place calm snough to hold the bout and the affairs would be to a finish with four-ounce gloves.

Sources.

Getting the 300 together would be the samest part of the show. He could easily set 500 sports right in New York who would pay that much to see such a battle as that would be. He also intends to limit the newspapers

Jeffries agrees to enter the ring, If Joffries agrees to enter the ring, which is almost a certainty now, he will offer the big fellow a fine end and try to arrange the bout.

The rollow would be unable to interfere, as it is outside of their jurisdiction, and the fight could be any way they wanted it—bare knuckies or otherwise.

No one would be abourd the boat except the fighters and spectators, and petting could go on as freely as though they were in the South Sea Islands.

AVIATION RACE IS SCHEDULED FOR FRANCE

CHAMPIONS TO PLAY

De Oro and Lean Will Play for World's Three-Cushion

Tribune Special Sporting Service. NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- New York will get another championship billiard match next month. Alfred De Oro,

De Oro and Lean had been considering several offers and bids, and Mc-Graw's was best. An offer from Boston looked tempting, but on account of the interest in three-cushion billiards of the interest in three-cushion billiards here at this time and the fact that a championship match has never been put on here. Do Oro and Lean gave New York the preference. Philadelphia was also considered.

The match will consist of 250 points, divided into five nights play of 50 points each night. The Jordon trophy, a diamond-studded emblem worth \$1000 and the championship will be

a diamond-studded emblem worth \$1000, and the championship, will be at stake. A side bet of \$500 will also

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NEW YORK Feb. 6.—Conditions governing the international aviation race of 1999 have been arranged and the event will take place in France. The distance will be a circle of twenty kilometers, not continuous flight in heavier than air machines. If more than one machine should cover the distance, \$5500 will be awarded to the one making the resteast when the should cover the distance, \$5500 will be awarded to the one making the resteast when a \$5000 cup to the club represented by the winner.

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BILLIARD MATCH

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three-cushion champion, will defend the title in a match with Jers Lean, to be

played at McGraw's.

In the opinion of the experts, Sat



CARL SEAHOLM,

One-Armed Pool Champion, who came here from "Minnepolis" about a month ago and is shown in the foregoing picture, is somewhat of a pool shark. Although having but one arm, this man is a wonder with the billiard cue, and there are few persons in this city who can defeat him. Re-

ton will do better to stick to 18.2, and if he wins the coming tournament for the title he can be rightfully regarded as the champion in that class, as he will meet the best men in the world, with the exception of Horne. And it is doubtful whether Hoppe can beat Sutton at 18.2. However, Hoppe is in a class above Sutton as an 18.1 player. The consensus of opinion is that Hoppe would make short work of either Slosson or Sutton in either a long or short game of 18.1.

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The men who will enter the 18.2 tournament—and they are also the 18.1 topnotchers—will vote on the proposition to make future championship matches at that style a matter of three nights' play. Slosson is against this idea. He says the strain of such a long match is too much for elderly a long match is too much for elderly players like himself. It is believed, however, that the majority will favor

ARMY ANNOUNCES 1909 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 6.-Lieu-tenant H. M. Nelly, head feetball coach of the West Point eleven, has completed the schedule of games to be played by the Army eleven next fall. Yale is to the Army eleven next fail. Yale is to visit the Point on October 18, and Harvard on October 28. No game with Pennsylvania appears on the list, and it is evident the Quakers will be disappointed in their efforts to arrange a contest with the soldiers. There are nine games on the Army schedule, and, barring Yale and Harvard, nothing in the way of opposition which, at this time at least, looks particularly difficult for the West Foint: October 2 fulls at West Point; October 28, Lehigh at West Point; October 28, Le

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NEW YORK, Peb. 6.—If Mehrin Sheppard, the king of middle distance runners, maintains his present gait of lessing years off the life, it won't be long before he will be leaving this mortal ephere. According to the best informed, Mel's effort in the life. He set least three years. After "Shep" returned to America and took up his work as a customs man he was hit on the head by footpads, and the attending excitement is reported to have rest the great runner another year. Then one night Melvin found a wounded man down on the dock where he does duty, and ran so hard for the ambulance that a couple of more years will surely come off.

But that's not all. The worst came a couple of weeks ago, when the half-mile champlon got mixed up with a dynamite explosion at South Wharf, Philadelphia, that came near claiming all of the few years that, according to the experts. Sheppard had to live. It was the work of a gang of disgrunted ironworkers. Sheppard was near the scene of the explosion and received a severe shock.

Boom in Athletics.

Boom in Athletics. Tribune Special Sporting Service.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Track athletics are booming at the University of Chicago. Coach A. A. Stagg has announced the schedule for the outdoor season and the dates show what promises to be a third series of competitions. A team will be sent to the Fennsylvania relay currival, a fact which necessitates the men setting out carry and rounding rapidly into condition. The schedule is as follows: April 17, Pennsylvania relay meet troouts; April 17, Pennsylvania relay meet May S. Wisconsin at Madison; May 15, Hilmols at Chicago; May 22, Purdue at Chicago; May 23, open, June 5, conference meet at Chicago their official; June 12, University of Chicago interscholastic meet.

Michigan Baseball.

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DETROIT Mich. Feb. 6.—Baseball dates have been arranged as follows by the University of Michigan. April 16. Kentucky at Lexington; 12 and 15. Tennessee at Knoxville; 14. Castle Heights at Lebanon; 15. 16 and 17. Vanderblit at Nashville; 19. Notre Dame at Notre Dame; 24. M. A. C. at Lansing, 28. Wooster, at Ann Arbor; M. A. C. at Ann Arbor; S. Notre Dame at Ann Arbor; 5. M. A. C. at Ann Arbor; S. Notre Dame at Notre Dame; 13 and 15. Syracuse at Ann Arbor; 22. Pennsylvania State at Ann Arbor; 25. Wooster at Wooster; 25. Cornell at thaca; 27 and 28. Syracuse at Syracuse; 29. Brown at Providence; June 5. Notre Dame at Ann Arbor.

Mathewson as Coach.

Tribune Special Sporting Service. ROSTON, Feb. 6.—Christopher Mathewson has been engaged as coach of the Harvard baseball nine, and has been work at Cambridge. A dual meet between the Harvard and Tule swimming teams has been arranged for the evening of Marca a at Brookline.

FOOTBALL TEAMS TO HAVE BIG SEASON

West and East Are Getting Closer Together Every

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- If the pre liminary announcements of the big university football teams of the east and west can be taken as a criterion, 1909 will long be remembered as an epochmaking season in the gridiron sport. Due to the continuation of old and the forming of new alliances in college ath-letic circles, the coming autumn will fairly bristle with feotball games of unusual caliber. If the progress along these lines is to continue during the next few years, the pigskin millennium may be expected to be heralded in a few seasons by the announcement of a game between Yale and Pennsyl-vania.

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With few exceptions the larger eastern universities appear desirous of increasing the importance of the games which will go to make up their 1909 schedules. In this respect, Harvard and Pennsylvania appear to be the leaders, as is fitting, since they divided between them first place in the gridiron ranking during 1908. The crimson, flushed by its victory over Yale, is in the throes of a schedule which, if adopted in its entirety, will astonish even the hard-working Quaker elevens of other years, accustomed, as they have been, to wading through a list of contests running into double figures. While Harvard's schedule is not yet ready for official publication, it is certain that during the months of October and November Yale, Cornell, the Army and the Indians will all be tackled in addition to either Brown or Dartmouth, to say nothing of the preliminary contests in to either Brown or Dartmouth, to say nothing of the preliminary contests in which Maine, Bowdoin, Vermont and Tufts or teams of this caliber will figure. With this list of games in sight, it is not surprising that the much talked of Harvard Princeton game has been put over for a year at least.

The following table shows the big games of the 1909 season already arranged, with the playing field and the tentative dates for the contests:

October 16—Yale vs. Army at West

October 16-Yale vs. Army at West Point, Princeton vs. Navy at Annapo-

lis. October 23—Harvard vs. Indians at Cambridge, Princeton vs. Army at West

October 30—Harvard vs. Army at West Point, Pennsylvania vs. Indians at Philadelphia, Chicago vs. Minnesota at Minneapolis.

November 6-Princeton vs. Dartmouth Princeton. November 13-Yale vs. Princeton at New Haven, Pennsylvania vs. Michigan at Philadelphia, Cornell vs. Chicago at Ithaca.

November 20-Yale vs. Harvard at Cambridge, Syracuse vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Chicago vs. Wisconsin at

Chicago.

November 25—Pennsylvania vs. Cornell at Philadelphia.

November 27—Army vs. Navy at
Philadelphia.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—W. H. Lucas. president of the Northwestern baseball league, has written to President Pulliam of a change in the playing rules he would like to have laid before the rules committee at its meeting next month. The idea originated with Ed Dugdale, the old-time entcher, and is as follows:

"Whenever bases are unoccupied, the pitcher shall be required to deliver the first two balls pitched to each batter perfectly straight, and no curve or spit hall to be allowed, and same to be judged by the umpire to pensitise the pitcher delivering a curve or spit ball by calling same a "ball," regardless of its going over the plate.

President Pulliam will submit the suggestion.

Carlisle Athletics.

Tribune Special Sporting Service.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 6.—Track athletics at the Carlisle Indian school are rapidly becoming a prominent part of the athletic curriculum of the government institution. Coach Glenn S. Warner is working daily with thirty-five fleet sons of the forest, and it is planned to enter the aborigines in many meets. Towarman. Thorpe and Moore are the most prominent candidates, and it is expected that they will appear at several meets in New York and Boston. James Thorpe, the football player, has been elected captain of the track team. He is the first holder of such an office at Carlisle.

The baseball men are also planning for the coming season. A good schedule has been arranged, which includes games with Pennsylvania, West Foint, Annapolis, Brown and Cornell. Tribune Special Sporting Service.

Socker Eruption.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Unless some radical changes are made in the rules governing the compelition for the American Foetball association socker challenge cup, it is the belief of some of the old followers of the game that the efficiency of the association, which has been in existence over twenty years, will be the result. The officials have been hampered in their efforts to popularize the sport by the crivolous disputes and protests, logged by the competing teams, who in the majority of cases, when fairly beaten on the field, come back to the association with all manner of appeals to have the games replayed.

Will Play Baseball.

PACIFIC COAST

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ON 1909 FOOTB

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FLANAGAN CAN CATCH BALL IN ANY PO

Harry Sutor Is the Ch Strike-Out Pitcher Coast League.

Tribune Special Sporting Service CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Thre coast champions will play Chicago White Sox the cor or, rather, be tried out for the "Silent Pat" Planagan, t pion batter of the No.

league; Harry Sutor, the

hander on the San Francisco Rollie Zeider, a shortstop, ed much attention during ! by his clever work for San make up the list.
Flanagan has had only one professional company, but he at an astonishing pace Dickson of Vancouver put Pacenter field temporarily, epp. Benny Myers, who is now New York Giants, would not few days. Myers refused to was subsequently used by S. P.

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